

Blue Ribbon Task Force

Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

c/o California Natural Resources Agency

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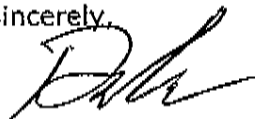
To the Blue Ribbon Task Force Members

The Central California Council of Diving Clubs, Inc. is better known as CenCal. It is a diver membership organization based on the diver to club, to council, to national, to world idea. There are about 40 clubs in CenCal whose territory covers Oregon to Nevada to San Luis Obispo County.

Many of our members routinely utilize the ocean in Southern California. After reviewing the three proposals, CenCal strongly supports SCRSG MPA Proposal 2. The key habitats covered by Proposal 2 include underwater canyons, enormous kelp forests, vast intertidal regions, rookeries, and estuaries.

The immense amount of cross-interest support of the diving community adds additional value to Proposal 2. CenCal has concluded that Proposal 2 will provide protected ocean parks and also takes into account the socio-economic impacts that will affect the ocean community's in and around the closures.

Sincerely,

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Dennis Haussler

Chairman CenCal Freediving